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SUBJECT: IMPORTATION INTO BRAZIL OF USED CLOTHING FOR
UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

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1. CONGEN RESPONDING TO REFTEL BASED ON INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES IN RIO.

2. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE TO SEND CLOTHING DIRECTLY TO AN
INDIVIDUAL, THE PROBLEMS OF CLEARANCE, PILFERAGE AND
VARIOUS RED TAPE MAKES THIS COURSE CUMBERSOME AND
UNADVISABLE. IN ADDITION, CLOTHING SENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL
NOT HAVING DUTY FREE STATUS IS DUTIABLE AT 105 PERCENT OF
THE DECLARED VALUE.

3. CLOTHING FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN MAY ENTER
BRAZIL DUTY FREE VIA AN ORGANIZATION PROVIDED THAT:
A) THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH CLOTHING IS ADDRESSED IS
ON BRAZIL LIST OF THOSE HAVING DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES,
B) PERSON SENDING CLOTHING FROM U.S. OBTAINS FROM
BRAZILIAN EMBASSY OR CONSULATE VISAED COPY OF LIST OF
CLOTHING BEING DONATED (NO VALUE NEED BE SHOWN), C) PERSON
DONATING ITEMS SENDS THE VISAED COPY OF THE LIST TO THE
ORGANIZATION IN BRAZIL FOR ITS CLEARANCE AND DELIVERY
TO SPONSORED CHILD.

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4. THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES, HEADQUARTED IN RIO, HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS QUALIFYING FOR DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES:

- 1) DISPENSARIO E AMBULATORIO MEDALHA MILAGROSA, 237 RUA DR. SATTAMINI, 2) JUNTA DE SERVICO DA CONVENCAO BATISTA DO ESTADO DA GUANABARA, 12 RUA SENADOR FURTADO,
- 3) LAR ANTONIO DE PADUA, 67 AVENIDA GENERAL ARGOLO,
- 4) CARITAS, 67 LD. GLORIA, AND 5) CONFEDERACAO NACIONAL DOS BISPOS (NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF BISHOPS), AVENIDA RIO BRANCO, 126, APT. 203. OF THE ABOVE, CARITAS AND THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF BISHOPS ARE THE TWO LARGEST AND GENERALLY MOST EFFICIENT. THEY HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE WITH CLEARING DONATED CLOTHING AND FORWARDING TO SPONSORED CHILDREN.

5. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE SUREST AND FASTEST WAY TO DONATE CLOTHING TO A SPECIFIC CHILD WOULD BE TO WRITE TO CARITAS OR THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF BISHOPS, PROVIDE THEM WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CHILD AND REQUEST HELP IN FORWARDING DONATED CLOTHING. THE ORGANIZATION COULD THEN FIND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT AND RESPOND TO THE DONOR ITS AGREEMENT AND ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING THE CLOTHING.

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